

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

~~Claims 1-45 (canceled)~~

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Claim 46 (withdrawn) A process for surface-treating a plurality of works comprising the steps of accommodating the works in a holder, surface treating the works accommodated in the holder while being rotated about an axis of the works, the holder comprising a wire which is coiled at distances in such a manner that it is formed as a spring-like tubular structure having spiral-line faces at opposite ends thereof, so that said works are accommodated in said tubular structure.

Claim 47 (New) A surface treating holder, comprising  
means for holding a work during a surface treatment; and  
means for preventing entanglement with another surface treating holder.

Claim 48 (New) A surface treating holder according to claim 47,  
wherein the entanglement preventing means comprises closely coiled portions.

Claim 49 (New) A surface treating holder according to claim 47,  
wherein the entanglement preventing means comprises a spring wound around said  
means for holding a work.

Claim 50 (New) A surface treating holder according to claim 47, wherein the entanglement  
preventing means comprises closely coiled portions and a spring wound around said means for  
holding a work.

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Claim 51 (New) A surface treating holder according to claim 47, wherein the entanglement  
preventing means comprises a spiral-line face.

